

Optometry Giving Sight Launches 2021 Grant Funding Cycle

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CALGARY AB (March 9, 2021)-Optometry Giving Sight launches its 2021 grant funding cycle with opportunities in both the spring and fall. North American nonprofit organizations and international charities who meet the criteria can begin applying today. OGS funds organizations that focus on the following:

- Provide education for eye care professionals
- Establish or support optometry schools, eye clinics, vision centres and optical labs
- Deliver eye exams and low or no-cost glasses to underserved or marginalized populations

The timeline for the spring round of funding is as follows:

- March 4: Online application process opens
- April 15: Application deadline (Midnight Central Time)
- May 31: Applicants informed of funding decisions

The range of awards is based on the project with a maximum award of \$100,000 USD. Acceptance is contingent upon the amount of funding available and the number of proposals received. A second round of grantmaking will take place in the fall. The application process will open August 15.

The funding guidelines and application can be found <u>here</u>. Please visit their website at <u>givingsight.org</u> for further information.

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Optometry Giving Sight (OGS) is a North American fundraising initiative that specifically targets preventable blindness and impaired vision worldwide due to uncorrected refractive error (URE) – simply the need for an eye examination and a pair of glasses. OGS funds the development of accessible and sustainable eye and vision care projects in communities where either they do not exist, or they are in need of support.